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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITO, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3625**

Serial No.: **09/199,566**

Examiner: **N. ROSEN**

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For. **PASSPORT TRANSACTION APPARATUS, PASSPORT TRANSACTION METHOD AND PASSPORT TRANSACTIONS SYSTEM**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 16, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 14, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND claims 1 to 3, 14, 26 to 28, and 33 to read as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A passport transaction apparatus connected to a residents database storing therein identification data of the residents and also connected to a center which executes an examination for issuance of passports through a communication line, said apparatus comprising:

a communication unit for communicating with said center;

an image input unit for inputting an image of the applicant for a passport;

a display unit for displaying a guidance for the procedure for the passport transaction;